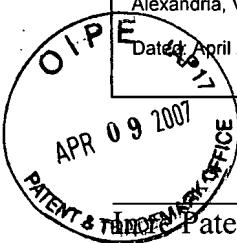


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 2, 2007, for which a response is due on April 2, 2007, Applicant hereby elects without traverse species II for continued examination. Claims 8-14 are readable on species II with at least claim 8 being generic.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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